

Call for QuantAlps Chair of Excellence Program 2026

We are seeking outstanding candidates for QuantAlps Chairs of Excellence to develop an ambitious 3-year research program on one of the topics relevant to QuantAlps (<https://quantalps.univ-grenoble-alpes.fr/research/>). During this period the chair is expected to spend 9 months in Grenoble collaborating with local researchers from several QuantAlps laboratories, departments or services (<https://quantalps.univ-grenoble-alpes.fr/about-us/laboratories/>). The local coordinators must be permanent researchers in the QuantAlps laboratories. The candidates must have a permanent academic position outside France.

The award package includes

- (i) travel budget with per diem remuneration (up to 60 kEuros for the total time of stay in Grenoble),
- (ii) financial support for hiring a Ph.D. student for 3 years or a postdoc for 2 years,
- (iii) additional funds for operating costs to reinforce the successful candidate's research activities (up to 35 kEuros total).

The programs may start anytime between May 1st 2026 to January 31st, 2027.

Selection will be based on the following criteria:

- Relevance to QuantAlps research themes
- Scientific excellence of the applicant
- Quality and clarity of the research proposal
- Potential for strengthening international collaboration and visibility of QuantAlps
- Contribution to synergy between different laboratories, departments and services within QuantAlps ecosystem
- Plans for pedagogical activities and scientific events in Grenoble

The application procedure consists of the following steps

- (i) To contact local researchers to prepare the research project with the planned partner laboratories, departments or services,
- (ii) To prepare the application file using the research proposal form that can be downloaded on [the website](#). The filled research proposal form should contain approval signatures of the local coordinators in the partner laboratories, departments or services, as well as those of respective directors.
- (iii) The application file should be submitted on the application platform: <https://deposibus.silecs.info/appel/QuantAlps-Chair-of-Excellence-Program-2026>

Application deadline is October, 31st 2025 at 23:59.

The selection procedure and timeline

November-December 2025: Evaluation of the project by external reviewers.

Mid-January 2026: Shortlist of the projects based on the external reviewer's assessment.

February 2026: Project presentation by the local coordinators to the selection committee.

Early March 2026: Announcement of final results.

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